

The U.S. Embassy Launches American Documentary Showcase from May 16 – 23

The U.S. Embassy in Kazakhstan, in partnership with the International Documentary Association and the Centre for Central Asian Cinema, is pleased to announce the American Documentary Showcase program, featuring several prestigious U.S. documentary films. Five American documentaries will be shown from May 16 to 18 at the Star Cinema, Mega Centre in Almaty and from May 20 to 22 at the Oskemen American Corner and at select universities in Oskemen and Semey.

As part of the program, American filmmakers Margaret Brown and Harrison Engle will be in attendance to introduce the films and conduct workshops with students of university film departments.

The Almaty film schedule is as follows:

May 16, 5:00 p.m.	"Flow: For the Love of Water" - Irena Salina, 84 min.
May 16, 7:00 p.m.	"The Order of Myth" - Margaret Brown, 77 min.
May 17, 4:00 p.m.	"The Hobart Shakespeareans" - Mel Stuart, 56 min. "One Bridge to the Next" - Kim Snyder, 27 min.
May 17, 6:00 p.m.	"Shooting under the Fire" – Sasha Mirzoeff, Betina Borgfeld, 75 min.
May 18, 5:00 p.m.	"The Man of Today" – Lizzie Gottlib, 55 min. "Reflection", Kazakhstan, Gennadii Popov, 15 min. "I want to live" – Kyrgyzstan, Nargiza Mamatkulova, 8 min.
May 18, 7:00 p.m.	"Empowering the Yard" – Emily Kirsch, Erin Persley, Vincent Horner, 11 min.

These documentary films offer a broad, diversified look at American life and the values of a democratic society. They act as catalysts for dialogue and change and cover a broad thematic spectrum, including the environment and nature, America's racial and ethnic heritage, immigration, the democratic process, and American folk arts. The American Documentary Showcase debuted in April 2009 and will travel to nearly 30 countries around the world this year.

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